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Dear Harold:

Before I forget it, we don't need the Irwin tape from Face the Nation. We heard the program and taped it ourselves, but did not keep the tape. Thanks.

In a note to Howard dated March 5 you mention an unexplained change in Bud's attitude toward you which we're inclined to connect with his appearance and role in the McCord interviews (see last grafs of the enclosed SF Chronicle story on McCord from LA Times service). Presume this means he is somehow working with Lipset.

WH reactions to McCord very interesting: nixon can think of nothing better than to express (through Ziegler) complete confidence in Dean. Ziegler says he can't speak for Jeb MacGruder, and MacGruder says he can't speak for Dean. Schism? And Liddy, when he's not battling his cellmate over his hairbrush, asks a reporter "Who's McCord?" and evades comment on Dean and MacGruder. Still to be heard from: E. Howard Hunt and possibly Bernard Barker. Any idea how McCord's rebellion surfaced, aside from his letter to Sirica? Must be a good story there somewhere.

Best,



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